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In response to the communication from the Examiner dated July 1, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered and made of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

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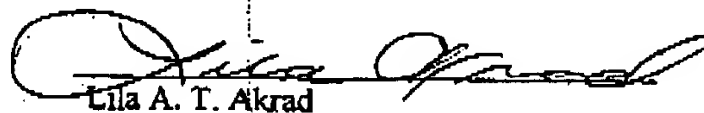
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